



International Development Trustee – Role Description

Ocean Stars Trust is looking for an enthusiastic volunteer with an interest in International Development to join our Board of Trustees to provide advice, support and guidance in governance and implementing our quality early years education and livelihoods programmes in Sri Lanka.

General Requirements

As OST grows and evolves, we seek committed individuals to expand our range of Trustee skills. We expect Trustees to contribute actively to the Board by giving strategic direction, defining goals, setting targets, evaluating performance, and ensuring effective and efficient administration and finances. Overall, we are looking for people who share our passion for the work we do and a passion for Sri Lanka.

Requirements

Currently, we are looking to expand our Trustee Board. We are looking for Trustees with skills in Education, Management, Finance, Governance and a general passion for Sri Lanka and the work done by us. OST complies with a Trust Deed, (registered with the Charities Commission), that is the core of the OST Constitution, which governs matters specific to OST. As OST has expanded its work the number of essential processes and procedures has grown to ensure the continuing clarity and transparency of OST's operations. Ownership and responsibility for application of these processes and procedures is shared amongst the Trustees.

Trustees are expected to:

- Attend up to six meetings a year, (usually Thursday evenings in Fleet, Hants or remotely via Zoom), and an annual Awayday.
- Understand and support the work carried out by OSL in Sri Lanka – experience of comparable work, perhaps through another charity, would be advantageous, but not essential. Willingness to “learn on the job”.
- Be committed to working as a member of a team.
- Trustees are also encouraged to share in the organisation and support of local fundraising activities.

Other Skills and Experience

Whilst we've listed some requirements, we would also like to know what other skills and experience you could bring to OST.

We are very aware that our board has a need to diversify and would be keen to receive applications from those with a BAME, and especially a South Asian, background. A passion for the work that we do is our number 1 priority so if you are interested in joining with us, please do get in touch.

About Ocean Stars Trust

OST was founded in 2005 following the Boxing Day 2004 tsunami. It works primarily through the local Sri Lankan registered charity Ocean Stars Lanka (OSL) and currently provides education for over 800 pre-school children. Several community projects are also supported, aiming to provide local people with opportunities to develop employment and business skills.

The mission of Ocean Stars Trust (OST) is 'to identify and overcome the barriers to equal opportunity for children in Sri Lanka through education and social enrichment, sharing friendship, hope and joy'.

The need for additional volunteer OST Trustees

OST would like to expand its Trustee Board

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trustee-board-people-and-skills>

CC guidance for potential Trustees may be found in

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>



More Information

For further information, please go to <https://oceanstars.org.uk>, or contact either the OST Chair John at oceanstarstrust@gmail.com or the OST founder and Head of Operations Dilanee Bunter at oceanstarstrust@gmail.com

Process

Please apply to **John Bunter** at oceanstarstrust@gmail.com by **07.11.2025**. Please send a CV and a covering email which outlines the skills and expertise you will bring to the role and your motivation for joining our Trustee Board. We look forward to hearing from you.